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one, too. But, Doug, I am sincere because this has been an awkward beginning I think for you coming in mid session and through a lot of midnight hours while you worked out and got everything taken care of. Thank you, Senator. (Applause)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you. You've heard more than enough from me. Thank you very much and have a good summer. Get your rest up because the next session is right around the corner. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. (Applause) Senator Kristensen.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. Senator Dave Maurstad, for four years of service to our state, it's with great regret this evening we say good-bye. In those times now when term limits are popular, I guess I have the opinion we need mandatory sentences. We need to make people stay and do the work that they're so good at doing. And certainly as I reflect back, it's an honor to be asked to present this award to Senator Maurstad. I reflect on a member who's worked so very hard, who's prepared well. I see him down here many nights. When I walk by his office, he's still there. And he's the one who can speak with his convictions. As you all know, it may not be all of your convictions, but they're Dave's convictions. He's certainly not a follower and that's something we can be proud of. He's followed no one else's agenda but the one that he feels comfortable in, the one that he so much desires; and that's the betterment of the state. I see a person who has great ambition to make things happen, to make them move. And I think that Senator Maurstad obviously, Dave, when we talk about making things move is what first got my attention to you. It was that Maurstad-Chambers union on the speeding bill, your desire to make things move faster. And then the next year you deal with high speed pursuit bills with Senator Chambers. I don't know what you and Senator Chambers and fast cars have in common, and I don't know how to tie the sales tax issue to that other than it would be cheaper to buy a fast car. But given the present pace that we're going in the year 2002, obviously a Chambers-Maurstad ticket probably is not out of the question. You're supposed to laugh at that, Dave. That was...actually